


18. 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-syn-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid methanesulfonate sesquihydrate prepared by the process of claim 11.

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-18 will be pending in the application. Claims 4, 6, 7 and 8 have been amended to delete multiple dependent claim language and to correct an inadvertent typographical error in claim 7. New claims 11-18 are being added. Support for this amendment is found in the claims as originally filed and in the specification at page 2, lines 17-18. No new matter is being added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claims 4, 6, 7 and 8 by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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Preliminary Amendment to claims 4, 6, 7 and 8 dated March 15, 2001:

4. (Once Amended) A process according to [any one of the preceding claims]claim 1 wherein the ratio of water miscible cosolvent : water is in the range 10:1 to 1:2 v/v.

6. (Once Amended) A process according to [any one of the preceding claims]claim 1 wherein the ratio of 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-*syn*-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid : solvent is up to 1:100 w/v.

7. (Once Amended) A process according to [any one of the preceding claims]claim 1 which uses from 0.7 to [mole] 1.5 mole equivalents of methanesulfonic acid.

8. (Once Amended) A process according to [any one of the preceding claims]claim 1 wherein the recrystallisation solution is seeded with 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-*syn*-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid methanesulfonate sesquihydrate to aid crystallisation.

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